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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

In the West and Midwest region trade sentiment ranged from about steady to steady mostly steady, in the Eastern region the undertone was barely steady to weak. Heavier sized whole birds were in the softest position. Retail demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate but irregular for trade needs. Food service interest was reported as still good, but not as active as the past few weeks. In the parts structure, interest for breast items was active, movement on wings was moderate to fairly good. Offerings of leg quarters were usually adequate for the demand. Supplies of other dark meat items were adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 60.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.25 cents last year on the 28th of July 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	137.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	59.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 07/22/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	177,961	181,666	-02
CHICKS PLACED	140,675	143,251	-02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 178 million eggs during the week ending July 22, 2000. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 22, 2000. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 22, 2000, were 4.26 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 2-Sep-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.84 CENTS PER POUND.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued light to fair at best. Offerings outweighed current limited demand and much discounting was reported. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly slow to moderate. The market tone was weak. In the parts market, breast items were at least steady and the remainder of products were no better than steady.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment on local markets was cautiously steady to steady on whole product, and fully steady to firm on parts. Interest for additional whole product in shipping channels was light. Overall, offerings were at least sufficient for current needs. In the parts structure, supplies were reported as tight on wings and tenders, breast items were mixed but continued to show improvements, leg quarters were improved but still usually adequate for current needs. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were generally desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers generally steady. Additional product offerings adequate or available with instances of lightweight Wogs noted as short and fully adequate on heavy weight product. Retail demand was light to fair in Ohio and Chicago, slow to light elsewhere with limited features stimulating interest. Retail features reported in Michigan on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.59 and \$1.69. Food service movement was irregular best into Ohio and Chicago, fast food outlets and delis. Floor stocks were mixed, balanced to ample, weights varied, mostly desirable. Parts trading was slow to fair overall with tenderloins and boneless/skinless breasts the best call. Wings were clearing at a moderate pace in the St. Louis area, dark meat items trading light to fair at best. Supplies were short on tenderloins, breast items and wings in good balance to instances barely adequate, all other items adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on breast items and tenderloins, steady on the balance.

WESTERN Market tone was generally steady. Offerings fully adequate. Demand was moderate to good for whole birds and moderate for parts, best to cover features planned or in progress. Floor stocks in fair balance. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts and generally steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: Northern California - whole body buy 1 get one free and 59, whole cut-up 119, leg quarters 49-69, wings 99, bone-in breasts 169-199 and boneless breasts 199-399.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and disappointing. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and in heaviest supply on the 3 pound and larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were mostly 1 cent lower in a range of 49 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was generally weak. In the parts complex, buying interest was limited. Supplies were at least adequate with breast cuts in closest balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.29
NO. OF BOXES	9,980

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	811	117.00-176.00	130-135	137.14
TENDERLOINS	195	170.00-210.00	170-175	175.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	61.00-68.00	62-65	63.65
FRONT HALVES	42	51.00-59.00	55-57	57.75
LEGS	92	27.00-39.00	28-29	28.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	18.00-20.00	18-19	18.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,013	20.00-23.00	22-23	21.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	88	55.00-59.00	-	56.82
WINGS (CUT)	489	64.00-85.00	65-67	67.10
DRUMSTICKS	48	24.00-39.00	-	26.50
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	525	130.00-176.00	130-135	135.18
TENDERLOINS	227	170.00-210.00	170-175	184.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	192	61.00-65.00	62-64	62.67
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	18.00-21.50	19-20	18.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,273	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	90	52.00-58.00	55-56	55.73
WINGS (CUT)	469	64.00-69.00	67-68	66.77
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	83	19.00-39.00	-	22.19
B/S THIGHS	59	57.00-62.00	-	59.03

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JULY 25, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE
34.50 - 39.50	38.36

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JULY 26, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.00 - 40.25	37.12	37.34

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was most often noted as quiet today and buyers expressed caution in building inventories further. Offerings were about adequate on breast items and at least adequate on the balance. Retail and distributive movement ranged slow to fair and was best where features were in place. The market tone was at least steady on breast items and steady at best on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	132.94	445,820
TENDERLOINS	170-175	179.61	108,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.70	198,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.71	147,000
LEGS	35-36	34.82	204,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	22.33	443,931
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	39.79	107,710
THIGHS	21-22	29.79	144,210
B/S THIGHS	69-70	75.15	47,330
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	64.43	324,410
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	79,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.42	67,405
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.46	79,970

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.11	466,760
TENDERLOINS	170-175	177.09	115,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.53	213,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	61.71	126,280
LEGS	35-36	36.66	182,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	22.10	406,675
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	30.62	170,260
THIGHS	21-22	29.35	180,240
B/S THIGHS	69-70	75.07	50,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	66.15	332,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	75,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.07	43,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.86	72,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/26	07/25	07/24	07/21	07/19
ALA	3,838	3,928	3,873	4,012	5.05
ARK	5,124	4,960	5,138	5,292	4.89
DELMARVA	2,389	2,381	2,373	2,553	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,059	2,014	2,010	1,959	4.35
MISS	2,799	2,775	2,752	3,151	4.87
NC	2,674	2,657	2,546	2,685	5.94
TEXAS	2,395	2,350	2,269	2,313	4.72
TOTAL	21,278	21,065	20,961	21,965	5.00
MON-WED63,669 (A)					4.84
					20,753
					4.98
					63,006 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jul 00 is estimated to be 31,834,000 up 2.12 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,955,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-96
	DRY PACK	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		148-160

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 29 -00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/29/00 (1)	07/22/00
BRO-FRY	160,427 (2)	161,229
LT HENS	1,809	1,862
HVY HENS	1,731	1,665
CHECK TOTAL	163,967	164,756

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jul-00 is 157.6 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.7 million head or 3.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 05-Aug-00 the estimated available is 157.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 24-Jul-00	161,394	95,092
AM 1-Jul-00	150,279	93,719
CHG	11,115	1,373
PCT CHG	7	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>PROCESSED TURKEYS</u>			<u>PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
	07/24/00	07/17/00	07/27/99	07/24/00	07/17/00	07/27/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	22,790	22,412	41,680	14,432	14,271	19,310
LOS						
ANGELES	278	285	1158	4,801	4,408	9,586

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 07/25/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.75	1.20	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.03	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.50	1.55	1.53	MIXED FOWL ea.	4.00	6.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.75	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.50	5.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.60	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.40	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.45	.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	6.00	6.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.35	2.45	1.92	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	6.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.30	-	TURKEYS ea.	6.50	18.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.65	1.17	DUCKS ea.	1.50	3.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.30	1.05	RABBITS ea.	1.00	3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	5.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	2.25	4.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	7.00	-
SILKIES ea.	3.25	4.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 120

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF July 24, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-54
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	56-59

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 21, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	70.12	136.15	72.94	19.45	3.40	48.63
High	72.94	145.88	87.53	29.18	48.63	49.11
Mostly	70.51	145.88	87.53	19.45	3.40	48.63
SAN JUAN						
Low	72.45	136.15	82.66	26.74	5.84	61.46
High	75.86	160.47	102.11	43.76	10.70	61.46
Mostly	72.94	150.74	87.53	34.04	7.29	61.46
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	70.31	126.43	72.94	19.45	3.40	47.17
High	72.74	145.88	87.53	29.18	4.86	48.63
Mostly	70.70	136.15	77.80	19.45	3.40	48.63
BECERRA						
Low	72.16	136.15	77.80	29.18	5.84	61.56
High	74.88	160.47	106.98	48.63	12.16	63.21
Mostly	74.88	145.88	92.39	38.90	7.29	61.56

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